



THE GAME OF CARDS

You true Sons of Erin draw near me
The truth unto you I'll declare

Our brave Irish Sons are preparing
Our Charco to defend without fear
The stout ace of hearts we'll uphold the
And likewise the club in our hands

The game it will now be soon finished
It's staked in our Gallic friend's hands

John Savage is the first that will deal them

He will send the five fingers to France
The stout Knave of Clubs to America

To make the brave hearts soon to daa)

John Bull has got plenty of money

But no one will take it they say

Let us try an ace on his diamond

Then wheel at & what is your play

Napoleon of France will next deal them
All-fours he knows how to play well

He'll come down like a salt drop on them

All the cards in the rhaabs he can tell

When D'Esterre went to play General O'-
Neil

He was in a heap of a pout

With a rigger the cards he did shuffle

Says O'Neil that's a jink & wheel-out

In the year 98 they all beat us

It was easy to beat drunken men

But now we'er both sober & steady

Nearly ready to finish that game

There's Louisa Westmeath & county

And likewise the county Carlow

Where the boys can handle the clubs

While playing the game of all fours

Thro' the county Wexford and Wicklow

The Sons of old Granuaile stay

Very soon they will all come together

With John Bull the all-fours to play

The game was played on great Tara

Was lost by receiving the King

If you keep the knave on his diamond

Sure he'll keep the five over him

The sweet county Clare has shuffled

And to brave Tipperary did cry

The French will advance as ten millions

Then we'll win the game by- & -by

John Bull never learned to play them

But Patrick he's folly did wink

He's now in the midst of a hobble

We'll make it a regular jink

Castle Inn & old Pist were gamblers

They shuffled & showed us foul play

By bribes & corruption they done it

Our Parliament they stole away

Nabobism to times are now changing

Each man for the game will strive

On the green hills of Erin we'll play it

And jink out the last twenty-five

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